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Questionnaire and Comment Form

Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's
Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX
STB Finance Docket No. 34284

June 12, 2003

This questionnaire and comment form is designed to help you identify and describe any issues of interest to you regarding Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX. Your comments will help the Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis understand public interests and concerns about the project as we conduct our environmental review.

Please complete this questionnaire after you have reviewed the exhibits. If you have a concern about a particular geographic area, please circle it on the attached map.

Please give us the completed form tonight or mail it to:

Attn: FD 34284
Rini Ghosh
Attorney-Adviser
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Your name and address are optional, but would be useful if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive subsequent information regarding this project.

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1. Which of the following applies to your situation?

☒ The proposed rail line is near my home.

☐ The proposed rail line is near my business.

☐ The proposed rail line crosses my property

☐ Other, please specify

2. What are your concerns regarding potential environmental impacts and do you have any mitigation suggestions?

I am concerned about the increased truck traffic on our country roads - driving on 471 you see one gravel truck after another - I've hate to see this traffic here - it is dangerous to other drivers - rocks are thrown up - roads are broken down. Also I am concerned about blasting - the noise pollution that many people moved to this area to avoid. Also the effect this quarry will have on wildlife of the area - it's can't be good.

3. Please use this space for additional comments or suggestions.

We who live close to the quarry site are saddened to think that our quiet peaceful country living is to be sacrificed in favor of big business. Rights of small property owners are completely disregarded when big money is involved. I can think of no suggestions that will make this project seem favorable to those of us who live in the Lusk area.

Also - your meeting was a farce. People came prepared to share their views and did not have a chance to speak. Every school has a loud speaker system - why couldn't you have set one up for this meeting? Perhaps you didn't want to hear our ideas.

Thank you for your comments.